

SENATE BILL 2925

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 20,  
Chapter 9, relative to court reporters.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 20-9-103, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) The party at whose instance the court reporter was employed shall be solely responsible for the court reporter's compensation for the work done by the court reporter.

(b) In any case involving child custody and visitation, the total amount of the fees charged by the court reporter, broken down into the hourly rate, per page rate, or any other rate by which the service is charged, for both the recording and transcribing of all proceedings in open court and such other proceedings as the judge directs shall be attested to by the reporter and shall be made a part of the record in the case. The clerk of the court shall transmit a copy of the reporter's attestation to the administrative office of the courts and such documents shall be public records open for inspection.

(c) The administrative office of the courts shall submit a report no later than February 15 of each year to the children and family affairs committee of the house of representatives and the judiciary committee of the senate regarding the information collected in subsection (b) of this section. The administrative office of the courts shall adopt rules to implement the provisions of subsection (b), which rules shall, among other things, prescribe the form and manner of reporting.

SECTION 2. For the purpose of the administrative office of the courts establishing rules regarding rules relevant to the implementation of this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes it shall take effect on

September 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to any court reporter hired after the effective date of this act.